

# Newsletter

NSCC Workforce Education

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## Tuition Assistance Programs

For the 2008-2009 Academic year the North Seattle Community College Workforce Education office provided \$1.3 million in tuition and book assistance for low-income students and displaced workers enrolled in professional/technical programs on our campus. We anticipate that the need for our tuition assistance programs will continue to increase over the next academic year.

With fall quarter quickly approaching, we want to highlight the tuition assistance programs available to eligible students from the North Seattle Community College Workforce Education Office.

- ⇒ **Worker Retraining** – available to eligible students who enroll in professional/technical career programs
- ⇒ **WorkFirst** – available to students who receive TANF and are enrolled in a certificate program of less than one year
- ⇒ **Opportunity Grant** – available to Washington state residents at 200% of poverty or less, who choose to enroll in the HVAC, NA-C or LPN, selected Accounting Degrees, or IT for Healthcare Program
- ⇒ **BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training)** – available to students who are currently receiving Basic Food Benefits in need of job skill upgrades and short-term certificates
- ⇒ **LEP (Limited English Program)** – supports tuition and book costs for eligible ESL students with refugee or asylum status

In addition to the tuition assistance students may receive, students are able to take advantage of a variety of supplemental support services, including, resume development, job search and placement assistance, and information on accessing other state and federal benefits.

For additional information on our programs please contact the Workforce Education Office at (206) 527-3787.

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## Workforce Education Facts

- ⇒ The Workforce Education Office has **Carl Perkins Emergency Grant applications** available for Summer Quarter 2009. The Perkins Grant can help students enrolled in career/technical programs, ABE, GED and ESL with the cost of required books, parking permits, Go-Passes (as available), GED testing, and student ID cards. Perkins Grants are intended for students who have no alternative sources of funding. Students must be registered for Summer Quarter and have their tuition paid before applying for a Perkins Grant. The application is available in the Workforce Education office (TB 1648). The application deadline is Wednesday, June 17th or until funds are exhausted.
- ⇒ Save The Date! On Thursday, October 22nd, Career Services will host the annual **Fall Job Fair**. The fair is held in the Baxter Center and Cafeteria from 10-1:30pm. Admission and parking are free to all jobseekers.
- ⇒ The **Worker Retraining Program** holds weekly information sessions every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30pm in the College Center Building, Room CC3449. During these sessions you can learn more about the Worker Retraining program and get your questions answered.
- ⇒ The **WorkFirst, Opportunity Scholarship Grant, Basic Food Employment Training (BFET) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Pathway Programs** hold a combined informational session every Wednesday from 1:00-2:00pm in the College Center Building, Room CC3450.

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